

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California
ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC SENATE - MINUTES
Tuesday: January 13, 1987
UU 220 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Lloyd H. Lamouria
Vice Chair: Lynne E. Gamble
Secretary: Raymond D. Terry

Members Absent: Baker, Baldwin, Bartels, Borland, Botwin,
Danielle, Horton, Rodger, Sharp, Stebbin

I. Call to Order

- A. The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. upon obtaining a quorum.
- B. The Chair called the Senate's attention to the presence of three supplementary handouts (available at the entrance to UU 220) which were subsequently numbered pp. 20A, 21 and 27A.
- C. The minutes of the November 4, 1986 meeting of the Academic Senate were approved as mailed.

II. Communications

The Chair directed the Senate's attention to three memos / reports included in pp. 7 - 17 of the agenda package.

III. Reports

A. President's Office: No report

B. Academic Affairs Office

- 1. The Chair recognized Malcolm Wilson who briefly outlined some good news concerning the temporary budget difficulties in Sacramento.
 - a. CSU's assessment has been reduced from \$27 million (last week's estimate) to \$16 million to be accompanied by a surcharge of \$45 per student.
 - b. Cal Poly's share of the burden has been reduced

from \$1.6 million (last week's estimate) to \$400,000.

2. Malcolm Wilson gave a short report on the subject of conditional admissions.
 - a. The bulk of the report described present procedures. There is at present no instruction as to how to handle conditional admissions after 1988.
 - b. The Chair thanked Malcolm for alerting us to the situation and promised the Senate's cooperation in developing new procedures concerning conditional admissions.

C. Statewide Senators

1. Tim Kersten noted that the CSU Academic Senate meeting, originally scheduled for Jan. 7-9, had been shortened by one day to save money in the light of the state's present fiscal emergency.
2. Tim thanked the Senate for its insightful discussion of the issue of the separation of rank and salary. He noted that the Statewide Report against the separation of rank and salary was adopted with one negative vote.
3. Reg Gooden noted that the Report on the Status of Part-time Faculty has not yet been acted upon. Barton Olsen (History) put much work into the writing of this report last year. Copies of the report have been distributed to appropriate Senate committees for input.

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Updated Version of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Academic Senate
 1. M /S (Gamble /Cooper) to endorse the documents and approve them simultaneously.
 2. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Resolution Appointing the Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research, and Faculty Development to the Academic Senate Research Committee
 1. M /S (Kersten /Riener) to move the Resolution to a second reading status and approve it simultaneous-

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 2. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution on Responsibilities of the Elections Committee
1. M /S (Andrews /Cooper) to move the Resolution to a second reading status and approve it simultaneously.
 2. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Resolution on Amending the Academic Senate Bylaws to Provide Alphabetical Listing of Standing Committees
1. M /S (Cooper /Andrews) to move the Resolution to a second reading status and approve it simultaneously.
 2. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Resolution on Change in Bylaws Regarding the Membership and Responsibilities of the Status of Women Committee
1. M /S (Cooper /Andrews) to move the Resolution to a second reading status and approve it simultaneously.
 2. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Resolution on Honorary Doctor of Science Degree for Burt Rutan
1. Reg Gooden objected to this Resolution's inclusion in the Consent Agenda. He explained that he would have objected earlier (at the January 6 Executive Committee meeting), but did not, because he was absent from that meeting.
 2. M /S (Forgeng /Andrews) to move the Resolution to a second reading status.
 3. The motion received the necessary two-thirds vote, but was not unanimous.
 4. Discussion on the Resolution commenced.
 - a. Reg Gooden stated his opposition to granting an honorary doctorate to anyone, no matter how worthy, when we cannot grant an actual doctorate.
 - b. Paul Murphy echoed Reg's sentiments.

- c. Joe Weatherby noted that the granting of honorary doctorates by non-doctorate-granting institutions is common practice across the 50 states and is an indispensable compromise in the fund-raising arena.
- d. The Chair noted that the degree will be conferred by the Board of Trustees, not by Cal Poly; we are only making the recommendation that it be done.
- e. Charles Andrews asserted that the award will bestow honor for a remarkable achievement and alluded to last year's recommendation by the Academic Senate Executive Committee not to grant an honorary doctorate to Tom Brokaw, NBC's Evening News anchorman.

A brief digression occurred as some Senators learned of this matter for the first time and were briefed concerning it.

- f. A motion to close debate passed with one dissenting voice.
- g. The Resolution was carried almost unanimously.

V. Business Items

A. Resolution on Free Electives

- 1. M /S (Dana /Andrews) to adopt the Resolution.
- 2. The Chair recognized Charles Dana (Chair: Curriculum) who answered several questions concerning the possible effects passage of the resolution may have.
- 3. Steve French urged the Senate's rejection of the Resolution which would permit the students to take courses for which credit should not be given (i.e. for courses which lack rigor, etc.)
- 4. Crissa Hewitt objected to any value judgments being made concerning the rigor of courses taken as free electives.
- 5. The motion carried by a large majority.

B. Resolution on the Recognition of Deceased Faculty

- 1. This Resolution would provide Senate approval of certain additions made by President Baker in his

approval of AS-217-86 (previously adopted by the Senate).

2. M /S (Andrews /Riener) to amend AS-217-86 by approving the underlined material contained in the body of the Resolution.
3. The motion was adopted by a large majority.

C. Resolution on CSU Trustee Professorship

1. This Resolution would amend the resolved clause of AS-222-86 (adopted in July 1986) to require an evaluation by the Department affected of any person seeking a Trustee Professorship appointment at Cal Poly.
2. The motion will advance to second reading status at the next Academic Senate meeting on Jan. 27, 1987.

D. Resolution on Allocation of Lottery Funds

1. M /S (Andrews /Gooden) to advance the Resolution to second reading status.
2. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Reg Gooden objected to the wording of the Resolution, which he characterized as "petulant."
4. Steve French objected to endorsing a formula-driven distribution of funds without first seeing the formula.
5. Malcolm Wilson spoke in favor of the Resolution, as did Lynne Gamble, Bill Forgeng and Crissa Hewitt.
6. M /S (Andrews /Dana) to strike the fifth whereas clause.
7. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Al Cooper called the question. The motion to limit debate carried unanimously.
9. Reg Gooden persisted in his view that it was premature to move the Resolution to second reading status.
10. Al Cooper withdrew his motion to call the question.
11. M /S (Gooden /Cooper) to table the motion to the next meeting of the Academic Senate, Jan. 27, 1987.

12. The motion to table to time certain was approved by a vote of 25 Yes, 16 No.

VI. Adjournment

- A. M /S (Cooper /Andrews) to adjourn.
- B. The motion passed unanimously.